



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON WIESBADEN
UNIT 29623
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Army Garrison Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter 29, Access by Bona Fide Guests and Visitors of Authorized Patrons to Commissary Facilities

1. References:

- a. DOD 1330.17-R, Armed Services Commissary Regulation, 08 October 2008.
- b. DOD Directive 5105.55, Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), 12 March 2008.
- c. DOD DeCA Directive 40-6, Performance and Policy Customer Service Department, 05 June 2007.
- d. AE Regulation 600-700, Identification Cards and Individual Logistic Support, 04 November 2008.
- e. USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 380-67, Personnel Security Program, 20 January 2004.
- f. AE Regulation 190-16, Installation-Access Control, 22 March 2005.
- g. AE Regulation 550-175, Customs Controls in Germany, 24 January 2003.
- h. AE Regulation 600-1, Regulated Activities in Europe, 30 November 2007.

2. Purpose. Establishes a commissary access policy for bona fide guests and visitors, and restricts the number of bona fide guests and visitors allowed to accompany authorized patrons in the commissary to one per ID card holder. USAG Wiesbaden is committed to ensuring only authorized patrons are purchasing tax- and duty-free merchandise in commissary facilities.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all authorized commissary patrons using the commissary within the USAG Wiesbaden Area of Responsibility (AOR).

4. Policy.

a. The USAG Wiesbaden commissary is a stand-alone facility in a non-secure area; therefore installation access control measures are in force IAW AER 190-16. Authorized commissary patrons may be accompanied by no more than one bona fide guest or visitor per ID Card holder while using the commissary.

b. Bona fide guests must have a valid form of picture identification or they will be denied entry. Bona fide guests or visitors are defined as individuals who do not enjoy SOFA status and who are for example parents, in laws, Family and relatives, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances of U.S. Forces personnel stationed in Germany, who are visiting U.S. Forces personnel. Valid identification is defined as a current driver's license, passport or *ausweis* with photo.

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c. Bona fide guests or visitors must be accompanied at all times by the authorized commissary patron. Only authorized commissary patrons as identified in regulations above are permitted to make commissary purchases. All authorized commissary patrons may be held responsible for the actions of their visitors.

d. Violations of this policy may provide a basis for suspension of commissary privileges or permanent revocation of commissary privileges. In addition, disciplinary action may be taken against the individual if the violation(s) warrant such action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other pertinent regulations or agreements.

e. The German Federal Ministry of Finance (FMOF-Customs) has authorized, on an exception to policy basis, US Forces' personnel, members of the civilian component, and their Family members, who are authorized patrons of commissary facilities, to entertain bona fide guests at US Forces' facilities in Germany. With the exception of tobacco products or other tax- and duty-free merchandise sold at sales' facilities, bona fide guests or visitors may acquire food and beverages, with or without payment, for immediate consumption on the premises.

f. AER 550-175 and AER 600-700 and an exception to policy granted by the FMOF detail the general terms under which military retired personnel, widows or widowers, and gray area retirees, (who do not otherwise have NATO SOFA status), are able to purchase tax- and duty-free merchandise at US Forces sales facilities in Germany.

5. Exceptions to Policy. The USAREUR Provost Marshal, as the CG USAREUR Customs Executive Agent, is authorized to grant exceptions in coordination with the German FMOF. Non-SOFA status personnel who have a written authorization memoranda signed by the USAREUR PM/CG USAREUR Customs Executive Agent are authorized to use commissary facilities. The point of contact for these authorizations is the NATO SOFA Office, OPM, HQ USAREUR, DSN 381-8141/7354, Ms Schmidt-Jaffa/Ms Strumpfen, or Mr. Stammerjohan, Chief Customs Inspector, US Forces Customs-Europe, DSN 337-5188/6071.

6. The POC for this memorandum is the USAG Wiesbaden Adjutant at 337-5704.



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